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RE: WOOD BURNING FIREPLACE ORDINANCE

Dear Architect/Designer/Builder:

On May 13, 2003 the City of Sedona City Council adopted an ordinance (attached) that prohibits the installation of wood burning fireplaces in new construction. The ordinance becomes effective on August 11, 2003. Building permits for new wood burning fireplaces will no longer be issued after August 10, 2003.

The new ordinance does not effect existing wood burning fireplaces and these will become legal non-conforming. Gas log fireplaces will still be allowed. Also, wood stoves that meet Environmental Protection Agency standards will still be allowed.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

John O'Brien, Director  
Department of Community Development

cc: Mayor and City Council  
Eric Levitt, City Manager  
Community Development Staff

7-1-7 Wood Burning Fireplaces:  
(Ordinance 2003-08 – May 13, 2003)  
(Effective August 11, 2003)

A. Definitions: For purposes of this ordinance, the following definitions shall apply:

1. “Wood Burning Fireplace“ means an open fireplace within buildings or structures that will burn wood or other solid fuel.
2. “Solid Fuel” means wood, or any compressed wood or fiber product, including coal, other solid hydrocarbons or compounds, oil and combustible pellets, or solids of any composition.
3. “Alternative Fuel” means natural gas, propane, electric or other non-solid fuel.

B. Abatement:

1. After the effective date o this ordinance, no person within the City of Sedona, Arizona shall place, install, or fabricate in place a wood burning fireplace.
2. In order to receive a final occupancy permit for any structure, any new fireplace must be equipped with an operable alternative fuel device.
3. Wood burning fireplaces in existence prior to the effective date of this ordinance will be exempt from the provisions of this ordinance.

C. Violations and Penalties: the owner of any property subject to this ordinance, wherein such fireplace was re-converted to wood burning in contravention of this ordinance, will be subject to a \$500 fine and be required to convert to alternative fuel or seal the fireplace within 90 days from notice of violation. Failure to comply within 90 days will result in an additional; \$500 fine each day the violation continues to exist.



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